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PRESIDENT TOWNSEND HOOPES

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1. DEPT AND USIA APPRECIATE REPORT OF HOOPES VISIT (REFTEL A). BEFORE CONTACTING HOOPES WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON STATUS OF DEPT PROPOSAL FOR US-USSR SEMINAR FOR WRITERS, CRITICS AND PUBLISHERS (REFTEL B). IS THE SEMINAR WHICH HOOPES AND SOVIETS AGREED TO PLAN FOR MOSCOW NEXT SPRING IDENTICAL WITH, OR MODIFICATION OF, DEPT'S PROPOSAL? WE RECALL THAT HOOPES ATTENDED MEETING AT DEPT WHERE SEMINAR FOR WRITERS, CRITICS AND PUBLISHERS WAS DISCUSSED. WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SEE SCOPE OF DEPT'S PROPOSAL NARROWED TO INCLUDE ONLY PUBLISHERS, BUT WOULD WELCOME SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF PUBLISHERS.

2. SOVIET LIBRARY DELEGATION, CURRENTLY IN US UNDER EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, ALSO MADE PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGES OF SMALL BOOK

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OF MINCULT SOVIET LIBRARIES ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE BOOK EXHIBITS WITH US LIBRARIES. EXHIBITS COULD BE ON WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS SUCH AS GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, LITERATURE, CULTURE, ETC., AND WOULD BE SHOWN PUBLICLY IN LIBRARIES. SENDING SIDE WOULD PAY INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING COSTS AND RECEIVING SIDE WOULD COVER IN-COUNTRY COSTS. WE WILL PURSUE THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE LIBRARY DELEGATION WHEN IT RETURNS TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, AFTER WHICH DEPT AND USIA WILL PREPARE RESPONSE WHICH WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH SOVIETS AT DECEMBER REVIEW TALKS. SOVIET DELEGATION ALSO PROPOSED USSR LIBRARY SEMINAR AND EXCHANGES OF WORKING LIBRARIANS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AT A TIME. INGERSOLL

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